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FROM ALDRICH

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, ICRC

SUBJ: PRG QUESTION AT LAWS OF WAR CONFERENCE

REF: GENEVA 1303

1. WHEN I MET WITH BLISHCHENKO (USSR) MORNING FEBRUARY 28 HE INFORMED ME THAT THE DRV WOULD NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT HIS PROPOSED COMPROMISE. THE DRV INSISTED ON FULL AND EQUAL TREATMENT FOR THE PRG, I.E. REJECTED ANY STATUS INFERIOR TO THAT OF THE GVN.

2. THIS DEVELOPMENT HAVING INVALIDATED HIS OFFER OF FEBRUARY 27, DESCRIBED REFTEL, I THEREFORE REFRAINED FROM ANY COMMENT ON IT. OUR BRIEF MEETING
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RESULTED IN AGREEMENT THAT THE CONFERENCE WOULD DEAL WITH THE THREE PARTICIPATION QUESTIONS SEPARATELY, BEGINNING WITH GUINEA-BISSAU, PRG NEXT, AND FINALLY THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. WE AGREED THERE IS

NO WAY TO AVOID VOTE ON PRG ISSUE.

3. COMMENT. I GREATLY APPRECIATE RAPID RESPONSE TO REFTTEL FROM
BOTH DEPARTMENT AND SAIGON. MY GUESS IS THAT DRV DEL
WAS SO ENCOURAGED BY VOTES OF FEBRUARY 27 THAT IT NOW
WISHES TO TAKE ITS CHANCES BY VOTE.

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